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Classified By: POL M/C David D. Pearce for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA Deputy Director for Levant, Danielle Bosio and MOD Office of the Diplomatic Advisor Antonella Remia July 5. ODC also delivered the points to the Italian Defense General Staff. MOD Diplomatic Advisor Achille Amerio told poloff July 6 that senior Lebanese officials approached MOD Parisi, during his July 4-5 visit to Lebanon, with requests for military assistance for the Lebanese Armed Forces.

12. (C) Amerio told poloff the GOI was in the process of deciding what kind of assistance it could provide and that they would be in direct contact with the GOL when they had an answer. LTG Castagnetti told ODC Staff the LAF had asked Italy for 105mm(Tank) and 155mm(Artillery) ammunition as well as TNT. Castagnetti said he had instructed his staff to verify if Italy could assist, but commented he seriously doubted they could.

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